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nths of 1998, there were 38 al wrecks on those inter-
tes — 16 each on I-30 and
stretch of I-40 between Lit-
Rock and Memphis, the
tes most heavily traveled
trucks. There were three
al accidents each on I-55 and
stretch of I-40 between Lit-
Rock and Oklahoma.

1992-1996, fatal accidents
re more balanced among the
ghly equal mileage of I-30
the two sections of I-40.
hough I-55 covers about half
miles as the other inter-
sections, fatal accidents
urred at about the same ra-

ate Highway Commission
sirman Herby Branscum
l he hadn't noticed the re-
change in fatality trends.
guess, though, it stands to
son — the more traffic you
e, the more casualties you
e," Branscum said. "Safety
a big thing, but as far as
lyzing different segments
he interstate, I never really
ught about it. It probably
uld be."

though traffic counts are
on interstates, the great-
in — excluding metrol-
areas — has occurred
the eastern half of I-40.

om 1992 to 1997, annual av-
ge traffic counts rose 49
cent on I-40 at Forrest City
about 25,000 vehicles daily.
truck counts increased 58
cent to about 12,570 daily,
ording to highway depart-
at figures. Truck counts
by similar percentages on
at Blytheville, although
ffic in general rose by
dler amounts.

ie measure of the sheer
ntity of big rigs is the set of
weigh stations near West
mpis, which handle the
atest number of trucks in
nation, according to Lock-
d Martin IMS, the aircraft
pany which makes elec-
c weigh station devices.

ie West Memphis stations
die about 5.6 million trucks
ually, 20 percent more than
r nearest competitors on
rstate 5 north of Los An-
is, said Dean Ford, vice
ident of Lockheed's com-
cial vehicle operations.

actor-trailer rigs com-
ed more than half the vehi-
on Arkansas interstates at
rest City and Arkadelphia
997. The truck percentage
p so far this year, with sev-
months averaging 60 per-
truck traffic at Forrest
Ort said.

trucks, it's not surprising that
half the fatal interstate acci-
dents involve trucks, said Lane
Kidd, president of the Arkan-
sas Motor Carriers Association,
the state's major trucking
lobbyist.

"Your accident ratios are
probably going to parallel your
vehicle counts on any high-
way," Kidd said. "Any premise
that would be pursued that
would attempt to show that
trucks are more dangerous
than cars would be a fallacy,
because all the statistics we
see available to us have con-
cluded that truck drivers are
the safest motorists on the
highways."

When other two-lane roads
and highways are included,
trucks are involved in a much
smaller proportion of accidents
nationally, Kidd said.

In Arkansas, 92 percent of
the fatal accidents this year
have happened on roads other
than the major interstates.
During 1997, more than 94 per-
cent of fatal accidents oc-
curred on roads other than In-
terstates 30, 40 and 55.

"The greater number of acci-
dents are still happening on the
two-lane system," said state po-
lice Maj. Dan Oldham, who
commands the highway patrol
division.

Oldham said he had noticed
the recent trend in interstate
accidents and searched for any
connections between them
but has found few.

"We haven't seen any profile
of any particular cause that we
can associate to fatalities, per-
iod," state police Col. John
Bailey said.

Lifeblood urgently appeals for donors

Jaen van Valkenburgh
The Commercial Appeal

An urgent appeal issued Wed-
nesday for blood donations has
raised blood levels slightly, but
not enough to call it off, a Life-
blood spokesman said Satur-
day.

"Urgent Appeal is the worse
we can be. We don't normally
go on appeal," said Gordon Wil-
son, director of public affairs
for Lifeblood, Mid-South Re-
gional Blood Center.

Four donor centers will be
open this afternoon from noon
until 4 p.m.

They are Germantown at
2095 Exeter, East at 920 Estate,
North at 3860 Covington Pike,
and DeSoto at 577 Goodman
Road in Southaven.

Saturday morning, the
shelves at Lifeblood stood at 67
percent of where they need to
be, he said. On Friday, they
were at 63 percent.

The most critical shortages
continue to be in O-positive,
which stands at 23 percent of
optimum, and O-negative,
which is at 31 percent.

O-negative blood is compati-
ble for all people, so it is used
in emergency rooms before a
patient's blood type is known.
Only 7 percent of people have
O-negative blood, Wilson said.

About 40 percent of people
have type O-positive blood, so
it is always in demand.

"This year has been very,
very unusual. We've had to go

on Urgent Appeal three times
this year," Wilson said.

"For the last four or five
years, the nation's blood supply
has decreased about 2 percent
a year."

The generation that spawned
blood drives — the World War
II generation — is dying, and
the generations that have fol-
lowed haven't donated blood as
much. They also live in more
hectic times and find blood do-
nating more inconvenient, Wil-
son said.

"It's not part of our lifestyle."

A national drop in blood dona-
tions hurts the Mid-South be-
cause 40 percent of the region's
blood supply must be imported
from throughout the nation.
The Memphis area is a large
blood user because it is the
eighth-largest medical center
in the nation.

"We use twice as much blood
as a city our size would nor-
mally need," Wilson said.

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Dogs

world" and "pet industry."

Last year, the showcase
raised \$60,000 for St. Jude. The
goal this year is \$100,000. Som-
merfelt said he expects 25,000
to 30,000 parents and children
to attend over two days.

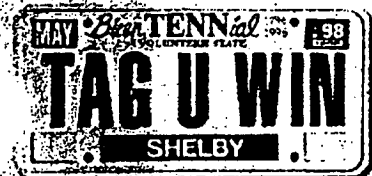
Events range from traditional
dog show competitions to can-
ine good citizen tests and vis-
its by celebrity dogs from tele-
vision and movies.

Sommerfelt, 43, an American
Kennel Club judge and
longtime St. Jude volunteer,
said he melded his great loves
after witnessing widespread
interest in both.

"St. Jude is probably the
greatest resource the city has,"
he said. "I travel the world (go-
ing to dog shows). No matter
where I go, St. Jude is known."

"It's really becoming well-
known in the dog world too."

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Look for the five license tags pictured in The Commercial Appeal
each day. If one of the five tags is yours, you win \$100.

Contest Rules

1. Participants must be licensed drivers.
2. Prize must be claimed within 10 days of publication of license tag.
3. One winner per license tag.
4. Prize may be claimed by mail or in person. See below for instructions.
5. No purchase necessary. Photographs of winning license tags available for inspection at The Commercial Appeal, 495 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
6. Winning license tag numbers are not available by telephone.
7. Employees of Memphis Publishing Company and their immediate families are not eligible.

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The Navy intends to transfer property and facilities comprising a portion of Naval Support Activity (NAVSUPACT) Mid-South (formerly NAVSUPACT Memphis) to the City of Millington. This property, previously a Naval Air Station, was used to support an airfield and aircraft maintenance needs for the Department of Defense. Currently, the Navy is undertaking certain environmental investigative and remedial activities at NAVSUPACT Mid-South to address hazardous substance contamination on this property. A document called the Covenant Deferral Request (CDR) has been prepared which, if approved by the Governor of Tennessee, will allow the transfer to take place prior to the completion of remedial activities.

This draft document is available for public review. Copies may be viewed at the Shelby County Public Library (Millington Branch, 4858 Navy Road), NAVSUPACT Mid-South (see Ms. Sue Hosmer Millican, Public Affairs Office, Building 455), and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Field Office in Memphis (see Mr. Jim Morrison, Suite E-645, Perimeter Park, 2510 Mt. Moriah). Comments should be postmarked by November 13, 1998, and addressed to:

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